

## **Adaptations & Defense Mechanisms Project**

Objective: To demonstrate your understanding of animal adaptations and defense mechanisms.

### **What am I required to have in my project?**

Create a fictional animal.

\_\_\_\_\_ Select at least **2** adaptations and/or defense mechanisms that your animal has.

\_\_\_\_\_ Explain what each adaptation or defense mechanism is.

\_\_\_\_\_ Describe how it helps you to live or survive in its environment.

**How?** Here are some suggestions, but you are not limited to this list.

If you have an idea that is not listed, please speak to Ms. Pam **before** starting it!

You could create a(n):

- Poster - by hand or on the computer
- Essay or report
- Song
- Poem
- Story
- Oral Presentation with pictures
- PowerPoint presentation
- Article
- Comic Strip

### **When is it due?**

It must be completed before **Thursday, September 23**. Each student will present his project to the class on Thursday, September 23.

### **Can I work on it at home?**

No, you shouldn't need to. You will have 3 days to work on it at school. You will have Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday to complete your classwork.

### **How am I going to be graded on my project?**

On the other side of this paper is a grading rubric for your project. Make sure you listen when we talk about this in class!

### Adaptations & Defense Mechanisms Project Rubric

5 points	3 points	1 point	0 points	Points Earned
Create a fictional animal and described at least 2 animal adaptations or defense mechanisms and <u>explained how its adaptations help it live or survive.</u>	Create a fictional animal and described at least 2 animal adaptations or defense mechanisms.	Create a fictional animal and described <u>one</u> animal adaptations or defense mechanisms <u>or</u> used a <u>real</u> animal instead and had 1-2 descriptions.	Did not describe the animal adaptations or defense mechanisms <u>or</u> did not do project.	
Selected an acceptable presentation method.	<b>X</b>	Selected an unacceptable presentation method.	Did not do project.	
Project was completed on time.	Project was <u>more</u> than half done by due date.	Project was <u>less</u> than half done by due date.	Did not do project.	
Project was presented to class appropriately.	Project was presented to the class in a fair manner.	Project was presented inappropriately.	Project was not presented <u>or</u> did not do project.	
			Total Points Earned:	